

has witnessed and has played an integral role in the growth of some of the finest minds of our Nation's youth. Through her passion for teaching, which has helped spark her students' sense of wonder and interest in the world around them, Ms. Cundiff's contributions to producing the next generation of active participants in our society, and perhaps future scientists and engineers, cannot be overstated.

Her tireless efforts and innovative techniques have brought unique hands-on learning opportunities into the classroom. As a result of this practical learning, her students gain a working knowledge of wireless computer integration and electronics construction. Today, her students can also be found researching, building, wiring, programming and testing robots on a specified task.

Her dedication to the community, however, is not confined within the classroom. Ms. Cundiff is active in Hurlburt AFA Chapter's aerospace educational programs, devoting her time and energy to assist in planning and organizing events. She also utilizes her considerable experience and success in the classroom to assist in the professional development of other educators throughout the area at the Chapter's Teacher Workshops, sharing best practices and stimulating lessons that can be brought back to their respective classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Cundiff on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2014 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Cundiff all the best for continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2014 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honorees of the 2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award, the Elly Doyle Special Recognition Award, the Eakin Philanthropy Award, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award as well as the 2014 Student Honoree. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally-recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces. Each year thousands of volunteers donate their talents and time to protect our natural and cultural resources and enhance public educational and recreational services.

The Elly Doyle Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. In addition, recipients also have been selected for the 2014 Eakin Philan-

thropy Award, named in honor of the family that donated the first parcels of parkland to the Park Authority more than 50 years ago, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship, named in honor of a celebrated local historian and military veteran, and the 2014 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named in honor of a local champion of environmental education and protection. I congratulate each of the following recipients of these prestigious awards and proudly enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Recipients: James "Curly" Anderko, Bob Dinse, Alan Figgatt.

Elly Doyle Special Recognition: Mona Enquist-Johnston, John Eltzroth, Fairfax County Farmers Markets Market Masters, Donn Grover, REI.

Student Honoree: Matthew Baker. Eakin Philanthropy Award Recipients: Mike Rolband, Transurban—Fluor.

Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award: Bob Lundegard.

Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award Recipient: Diane Hoffman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking these honorees for their demonstrated commitment to our open spaces and public parks. Fairfax County is able to enjoy a high quality of life because of the efforts of these individuals and they are deserving of our praise and appreciation.

RECOGNIZING PASCO L. SCHIAVO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Pasco L. Schiavo, who has been selected as the 2014 UNICO Hazleton, Pennsylvania Chapter's Italian American of the Year.

A lifelong resident of Hazleton, Mr. Schiavo served our country honorably as a first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves. In 1962, after completing his military service, he established a law practice in Hazleton and began teaching at the local Penn State Hazleton Campus. Mr. Schiavo generously donated not only his time, but also his financial support to the school, establishing multiple scholarships in memory of his parents.

Along with his commitment to higher education and learning, Mr. Schiavo has held many leadership positions in the community. He served as Assistant District Attorney of Luzerne County, was President of the County Commission on Economic Opportunity, and was appointed to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he served as solicitor for the Hazleton Area School District, Hazleton Housing Authority, Hazle Township Municipality, and the Hazleton City Authority. He continues to give back to the community through his support of the Hazleton Public Library, Hazleton Kiwanis, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and the Serento Gardens Drug and Alcohol Services.

He has taught at and held many leadership roles at Penn State Hazleton. The plaque on the side of Pasco L. Schiavo Hall says it all:

"A lawyer, author, educator, community leader, and philanthropist. The only title missing is Proud Italian American."

Mr. Speaker, for his exemplary service to the Italian American community and the greater Hazleton Area, I commend and thank Mr. Schiavo and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. STEVE HALL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Dr. Steve Hall, President and Chief Negotiator for the Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828, who has successfully worked with labor and community groups throughout Ventura County to promote high-quality education and academic excellence for all students throughout the region.

Throughout his life, Dr. Hall has followed his passion for teaching, but more importantly helping others attain their highest potential. With this in mind, he pursued a Doctor of Education Degree with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership at Pepperdine University, and has since dedicated his career to the fields of education and teaching.

For several years, Dr. Hall has been an esteemed and respected member of the Oxnard College faculty. After only two years at Oxnard College, Dr. Hall was recognized for his excellence in teaching when he was voted "Teacher of the Year" and delivered the commencement address in 1998.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Hall has also served as the Dean of Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Athletics, and Health Sciences at Oxnard Community College for six and a half years. Dr. Hall was the lead administrator responsible for starting an array of programs at Oxnard College that have immensely helped numerous students over the years. These programs have included the Oxnard College Dental Assistant Certificate Program, the "Proyecto Access" program, and the Oxnard College Marine Education Center. Dr. Hall has diligently worked alongside fellow faculty, staff, and community partners to make these milestones for Oxnard College students a possibility.

In 2010, Dr. Hall began serving as the President and Chief Negotiator for the Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828. In this role, Dr. Hall worked in partnership with faculty and colleagues to secure a successful three year contract that provided stability for the teachers and students of the Ventura County Community College District.

In November 2012, Dr. Hall was elected by the communities of Oxnard, Camarillo, and Port Hueneme to the Oxnard Union High School District School Board. Following his election, Dr. Hall continued his steadfast and outspoken advocacy for teachers and students. He has worked diligently to raise awareness about the necessity in reducing class sizes, raising pay for teachers and staff, and reducing expulsions. Dr. Hall has truly been a champion for Ventura County's students and teachers.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID L.
MCKEEHAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David L. McKeehan, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce (NCMCC). After 30 years of dedicated service, Dave will be retiring from the Chamber of Commerce on December 31, 2014.

Dave formed the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce by merging the Fitchburg and Leominster Chambers of Commerce, along with smaller business groups. Over the course of his tenure, he procured over \$4.5 million in private sector funding and over \$1 million in government grants for economic development programming in the region. Under his leadership, the Chamber of Commerce has grown a community of business memberships reaching over 1,000 member firms that employ upward of 25,000 individuals in the cities of Leominster and Fitchburg and surrounding towns. Dave was instrumental in the creation as well as saving of jobs within North Central Massachusetts during his years at the Chamber.

Dave is a true leader within the community and Chambers across the country. His hard work and dedication was recognized when he was awarded the "Service Above Self Award" by Mount Wachusett Community College for his contribution to the school as well as the 29 surrounding cities. Dave was also recognized by Fitchburg State University as being one of the "100 Most Influential People in the Last 100 Years." When David officially retires, the Chamber of Commerce will lose a remarkable president and asset to their organization.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating David McKeehan on his retirement and wishing him the very best with his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 95TH
BIRTHDAY OF WILLIAM B. WILKINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor Mr. William B. Wilkins on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

Mr. Wilkins was born October 31, 1919 in Anniston, Alabama and was married to Ms. Eunice B. Wilkins for 72 years. He served in the United States Air Force for two years spending 18 months in Europe during World War II.

Mr. Wilkins resides at Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home and enjoys spending time with his fellow Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Wilkins for his selfless service to our country and celebrating his 95th birthday today.

RECOGNIZING PENNY MOORE AS
THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Penny Moore as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2014. Ms. Moore was among three educators selected throughout Northwest Florida for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

The never-ending yearning to help others is the foundation on which Ms. Moore has built her success as an educator. Prior to moving to Northwest Florida, Ms. Moore worked as a special needs teacher inspiring students at Churchill Academy in Montgomery, Alabama. She has since spent the last decade of her professional career teaching at Avalon Middle School in Milton, Florida. Her willingness and constant ability to adapt to the ever-changing needs of her students is a challenge that Ms. Moore embraces and is furthermore evidence of her passion to mold and enlighten the minds of our Nation's youth.

While she holds high expectations for her students and works diligently with them to master theory and practice, she also inspires and motivates her students to rise to the occasion and put theory into practice. Under her leadership and guidance as the school's science, technology, engineering, activity and math (STEAM) team, nearly 100 students from all grade levels have competed in boosting engineering, science, and technology (BEST) robotics competitions and the Science Olympiad and have represented Northwest Florida at state and national competitions. Furthermore, Ms. Moore recognizes the importance for her students to experience science and technology outside of the classroom and affords them the unique opportunity to visit the Flight Adventure Deck and the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, where students complete preparatory lessons and apply their knowledge of what they have learned through hands-on activities at the Adventure Deck.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Moore on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2014 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Moore all the best for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 15, I missed a rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 497.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 74TH ANNUAL ANNANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET AND INSTALLATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department and to congratulate the 2014 award recipients and incoming 2015 officers and board members.

The Annandale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is one of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1940, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Annandale area and the surrounding community. The AVFD owns two stations, Station 8 on Columbia Pike and Station 23 on Little River Turnpike, and its front line fleet includes two ambulances, a medic, two engines, and one canteen unit. The Department also provides opportunities for professional growth and development of the membership.

The most valuable assets of the AVFD are the volunteers who donate their time and resources in service to our community. Last year alone, these highly skilled and committed volunteers contributed in excess of 15,000 hours responding to emergency incidents, attending training, and fundraising. Each year the AVFD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2014 Annandale Volunteer Fire Department award recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Outstanding Service Award (4 recipients): Kathleen Hinman, Richard Mitchell, Jason Pavelko, William 'Bill' Richmond.

Highest Administrative Hours Award: Shirley Binsky.

Admin Member of the Year: Walter Ferrebee and Diana Phan.

Rookie Members of the Year (two recipients): Nicole Dellinger and Kelly Kardos.

Most Training Hours: Yuan Yao.

Most Riding Hours: Chessy Dintruff.

Support Member of the Year: Fran Carfaro.

President's Award: Anthony 'Tony' Ruth.

Chief's Award: Laura Dye.

EMS Provider of the Year: Sean Bhaty and James Tuttle.

Firefighter of the Year: Robert Melgar.

Additionally, I wish to congratulate and thank the following men and women who have agreed to assume additional responsibilities as officers and board members for 2015:

Chief: Roger Waller.

President: Gary Moore.

Vice President: Sean Bhaty.

Treasurer: Ronald Waller.

Secretary: Diana Phan.

Directors: Shirley Binsky, Michael Hassan, and Peter Snitzer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2014 award recipients and in commending the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department for 74 years of service. I thank the brave volunteers whose dedication to public safety is deserving of our highest praise, and to each of these men and women I say: "Stay safe."